

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

PRIDE

WHERE DID "PRIDE" COME FROM?

Isaiah 14:13-14 O Lucifer, you have said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights above the clouds; I will be like the Most High."

Ezekiel 28:12-17 (God said) You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom & perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; you were **anointed** cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back & forth in the middle of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until iniquity (sin) was found in you. You became filled with violence within, and you sinned.... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;

1. Who was responsible for sin appearing on earth? _____
2. What were his goals & ambitions? _____

3. What opinion did he have about himself? _____

4. How did his existence start? _____
5. What was his attitude toward God? _____

Genesis 3:1 The serpent said to the woman, "Has God indeed said – you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"
Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good & evil".

6. The devil made fun of what God said about the forbidden tree. Yes No
7. The devil convinced Eve that he knew better than God. Yes No
8. The devil called God a liar; the devil knew what was good, not God. Yes No
9. The devil said what God was holding out on a good life for her. Yes No

Notice the underlined phrases in Ezekiel 28:17 & Genesis 3:4. Write them down.

10. Eze. 28:17 _____
11. Gen. 3:4 _____
12. What did the devil want for himself & for all of mankind?

The names of "the devil" include (this is a partial list):

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| a. "The devil" | = The slanderer | g. "apollyon" | = The destroyer |
| b. "Satan" | = The enemy of God | h. MISC. NAMES: | The deceiver, the tempter, prince of darkness, |
| c. "Lucifer" | = The bringer of the light | | father of lies, the evil one, the enemy, the |
| d. "Serpent" | = Lying snake | | adversary, prince of the power of the air |
| e. "Belial" | = Worthless | | ("devil" = "d" + "evil") |
| f. "Beelzebub" | = Chief of the demons" | | |

Prideful Adam & Eve believed this guy. Oh, brother!!

The Hebrew word for "pride or proud" = "to lift myself up".

The Greek word = "I am better than you but I hope you never find out I'm not".

13. Describe the inner heart of a "proud" person. Match verse & statement.

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| a. Isaiah 9:9 | ___ | He is not really ashamed of his sins. |
| b. Proverbs 10:4 | ___ | His own needs & wants are the most important. |
| c. Ezekiel 16:49 | ___ | He really wants to live like the world does. |
| d. Daniel 5:20 | ___ | His heart is really secretly hardened. |
| e. Zephaniah 3:11 | ___ | His pride starts in his heart & soul. |
| f. 1 John 2:16 | ___ | Deep down he doesn't want to seek God. |

14. Describe how pride in a person be seen. Match verse & statement.

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| a. Obadiah 4 | ___ | He can act like a fool sometimes. |
| b. Proverbs 14:3 | ___ | You can hear it in his speech. |
| c. Proverbs 11:2 | ___ | He can be prone to lies & anger. |
| d. Psalm 73:6 | ___ | Sometimes, he can really do evil things. |
| e. Psalm 59:12 | ___ | He can be deceived but certainly not admit it. |
| f. Job 35:12 | ___ | You can see it in his face. |
| g. Isaiah 16:6 | ___ | He can bring embarrassment & shame on himself. |

Let's be honest. You might say, "yes, I am proud & self-centered; but, I do not say & do all the things listed above in questions 13 & 14.

Me neither. I have been a believer for 63 years; I have pastored churches; I have taught in Bible colleges; I am a Christian counselor; I'm a pretty good guy.

15. Here's my report card. It is embarrassing but I am being honest.

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| a. I sometimes am cocky & arrogant to protect myself. | X | ___ |
| b. There have been times when I thought my sins were ok. | X | ___ |
| c. Would you believe there are times I want to avoid God? | X | ___ |
| d. Sometimes, I am incredibly selfish. | X | ___ |
| e. I see pride in my own face sometimes. | X | ___ |

I could on. You and I both know that out sinful natures, inherited from Adam, are full of pride.

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| 16. 1 Sam. 17:28 | Pride can hurt family members. | ___Yes ___No |
| 17. Leviticus 26:19 | Prideful people use power the wrong way. | ___Yes ___No |
| 18. 1 Tim. 3:6 | Prideful people abuse their authority. | ___Yes ___No |
| 19. Zeph. 2:10 | Prideful people threaten other people. | ___Yes ___No |
| 20. Psalm 10:2 | Prideful people can actually persecute other. | ___Yes ___No |
| 21. Psalm 31:20 | Proud people plan bad things & cause tension | ___Yes ___No |
| 22. Psalm 36:11 | Proud people can even hurt believers. | ___Yes ___No |

I have done all of these things. I am ashamed but also forgiven.

Mark 7:21-22 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ALL THESE EVIL THINGS COM FROM WITHIN AND DEFILE A MAN.

Pride twists our hearts & minds; it is sin; the devil wants us to be twisted like him.

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| a. Evil thoughts | I have the right to think any crappy thoughts that I want to. |
| b. Adulteries | I have the right to have sex with anyone's wife if I choose to. |
| c. Fornications | I have the right to have sex with anyone I want to. |
| d. Murders | I have the right to kill anyone who gets in my way. |
| e. Thefts | I have the right to have things regardless if they are mine. |
| f. Covetousness | I have the right to obsess over all the things I don't have. |
| g. Wickedness | I have the right to do or think any vile thing I choose. |
| h. Deceit | I have the right to lie and take advantage of others. |
| i. Lewdness | I have the right to do anything even if people think it's vulgar. |
| j. An Evil Eye | I have the right to wish hatred, evil, and disaster on others. |
| k. Blasphemy | I have the right to hate, reject, or insult God. |
| l. Foolishness | I have the right to dump all decency & moral living. |
| m. PRIDE | ALL OF THE ABOVE. |

23. What happens to the proud in the long run? Match verses & statements.

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| a. Proverbs 16:18 | ___ The proud person will eventually stumble. |
| b. Proverbs 29:23 | ___ The proud person will face eventual destruction. |
| c. Jeremiah 13:9 | ___ God will break down the proud in due time. |
| d. Hosea 5:5 | ___ The proud person will face dishonor sometime. |

God hates pride (Proverbs 8:13). He opposes (interrupt or slow down) the proud person (James 4:6). Notice, God does not hate the proud person. (Hurray!!)

Pride is an addiction; healing does take some time; it's a built-in flaw.

24. James 4:7 What does God the humble person? _____
"Humble" = I am nothing without you; "Grace" = I can do everything you ask of me because of the power you give me.

25. Fill in the words in Romans 12:16.

"Do not be _____ in your own _____."

Eliminating pride from your life is impossible. Recovering from pride is a process.

Psalms 51:17 Offer to God (sacrifices) a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart. God will love it.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 18:12 Before destruction, the heart of a man is proud, and before honor is humility.

26. What does God from us? _____

27. What is God trying to rescue us from? _____

Amen!